

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1990H1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Appointment of counsel or guardian ad litem

5. Summary: The substitute bill amends§ 16.1-268 (Order of appointment) to establish that the order of appointment of counsel or a guardian ad litem or both must be filed with and become a part of the record of such proceeding. Any attorney so appointed must represent the child or parent, guardian, or other adult at any such hearing and at all other stages of the proceeding unless relieved or replaced in the manner provided by law. Any attorney appointed to represent the child or parent, guardian, or other adult pursuant to this section may continue to represent such child or parent, guardian, or other adult upon appeal to the circuit court unless relieved or replaced in the manner provided by law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court ("OES"), the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the resources of the court system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None